

Keeping in Touch

News and notes from
the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches

NOVEMBER 1991

General Council Makes International Plans

UFMCC took new steps toward internationalism---including plans for General Conference in Australia in 1997---when the General Council met Oct. 10-14 in Los Angeles, CA.

The council voted unanimously to hold General Conference XVIII in 1997 in Sydney, Australia. This will be the first time General Conference has been held outside North America. The only previous General Conference held outside the United States was in Toronto in 1983.

The International Concerns, Research and Development Division will begin to develop a comprehensive strategic plan to enable the most UFMCC members possible to attend the conference in Australia. Like all General Council actions, this decision must be ratified by General Conference.

"Since we are an international denomination, we believe it is very important to have General Conference in a variety of places," explained Rev. Elder Troy Perry, UFMCC founder. "We want to show how serious our denomination is about building churches outside North America."

The General Council also proposed a UFMCC bylaws change reducing the quorum at General and District Conferences to 30 percent. The council received the final report of General Conference XV, which showed net income of \$8,751.34.

Charters were granted by the council to five churches, most of them outside the United States. "This is the largest



General Council joins hands in prayer at the October meeting

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number of churches outside the U.S. that we have ever chartered at one time," Rev. Perry said. "It may be the wave of the future."

The charters were issued to MCC Bournemouth and MCC North London, both in the United Kingdom; MCC of Auckland, New Zealand; MCC of Charleston, SC; and MCC Ocean of Life, Costa Mesa, CA. The total number of chartered churches is now 97.

The council also voted to make a major international move in ecumenical relations by applying for membership in the World Council of Churches. The application will be made in early 1992 by the Department of Ecumenical Witness and Ministry.

These decisions were being made in an intense atmosphere of lesbian and gay pride in California. Arriving council mem-

bers were greeted at Los Angeles Airport by a series of protests that began when California Governor Pete Wilson vetoed a bill outlawing job discrimination against gay and lesbian people. Rev. Elder Freda Smith left the General Council to serve as the lead speaker before a crowd of 12,000 at the state capitol in Sacramento on October 11, National Coming Out Day in the United States. Rev. Perry also left the meeting to serve as guest preacher at a celebration of worldwide communion at Claremont School of Theology in Claremont, CA.

On Sunday morning, October 13, the council joined in a follow-up of the White People Healing Racism workshop in the morning after sharing together in worship. The afternoon was devoted to a continuation of the long-range plan-

ning that the council has been doing since March 1989. The council developed a preliminary and tentative list of goals based on the General Council mission statement. The goals will be circulated to the Fellowship in November for feedback from around the UFMCC. (An article on the goals will appear in the December *Keeping in Touch*.)

In other business, the General Council began acting on motions referred to it and directing action from General Conference XV. In response to General Conference XV binding resolution #6, the Council designated Oct 11, 1992, as a Day of Commemoration. This relates to the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' landing in the Western Hemisphere, an event that repre-

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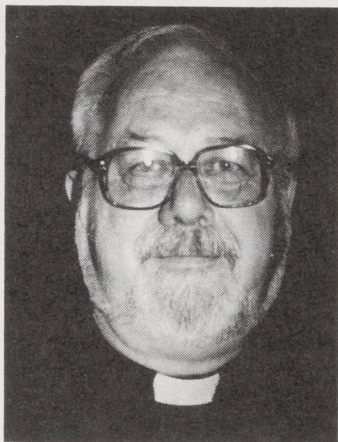
Rev. Sherriff Puts Love and Justice into Action

Rev. Ed Sherriff, District Coordinator of the Northwest District, was honored as an outstanding individual in the area of human rights at an Awards Banquet sponsored by the Human Rights/Fair Housing Commission of the City and County of Sacramento, CA, in September.

Rev. Sherriff was specifically commended for his tireless efforts in working closely with pastors and other organizations trying to teach them how to accept and understand gays, lesbians and others who have been traditionally barred from church. To most people a box of donated, day-old donuts is simply garbage. To Rev. Sherriff it's an opportunity to visit for a few minutes at a church office or some organization where he can introduce himself and begin to break barriers against lesbian and gay people.

In addition to being District Coordinator and Associate Pastor of River City MCC, Rev. Sherriff finds time to be Executive Director of Hope House, a low rent, independent living facility and hospice for people having a diagnosis of ARC or AIDS.

He also is head chef at Loaves and Fishes dining room one day a month when he oversees the cooking for over 800 meals served to homeless people. Loaves and Fishes is an inter-faith organization which coordinates serving one hot meal to the homeless every day. Rev. Sherriff is never satisfied with the concept that the gay community is "as good" as the rest of the world. For him, the ef-



Reverend Ed Sherriff

forts are greater. Rev. Sherriff's extraordinary efforts are quite noticeable at these meals. Other churches serve egg salad sandwiches or hotdogs, etc. Rev. Sherriff spurs River City MCC volunteers to serve barbecued chicken, fish cakes (the first time ever that Loaves and Fishes really served fish), etc.

Rev. Sherriff also gets clothing and furniture donations which he distributes to needy people. Often street people are able to get together enough money to rent living quarters but have no money for furniture. Rev. Sherriff provides them with cooking utensils, furniture, and clothing that make the bare walls into a home.

Rev. Sherriff was born in 1931, in Sedro-Woolley, WA. He was raised on the Hupa Indian Reservation in northern California. He returned to his birthplace to finish high school in 1946, where he graduated as valedictorian.

His teen-age years were cha-

otic and brutal. He became a Christian at 16 and was preaching under the auspices of the Church of God of Prophecy. Having concerns about his sexuality, he sought help, which resulted in his hospitalization where he received 32 electro-shock treatments! He was also counseled that marriage would "cure" him, and he took that step when he was eighteen.

From 1957 to 1965, he hid his homosexual feelings while he pastored several churches in British Columbia, and attained a high position in his church structure. Feeling he could no longer deceive God, his family, or himself, he confessed to his Bishop his natural sexuality. Without any advance warning, at the next District Conference, which took place 30 days later, Rev. Sherriff was excommunicated before his family and 1400 parishioners, losing in an instant, his loved ones, home and religious career. He did not enter a church again for 19 years.

Starting life anew, he eventually owned five restaurants. He moved to Vancouver, Washington and became the nursing supervisor at Vancouver Memorial Hospital. Later he moved to Spokane and taught at Spokane Falls Community College for 12 years.

Eventually, heeding the call of his Master's inner voice he found MCC and in 1983 became a charter member of Emmanuel MCC in Spokane, serving on its' Board of Directors. He transferred his credentials from his former de-

nomination and became the Pastor of MCC at Boise, Idaho.

In 1987 Rev. Sherriff was elected Northwest District Coordinator of UFMCC, and he moved to Sacramento, CA. He is a member of the Sacramento Lesbian and Gay Town Council. He is the winner of Sacramento's 1991 Human Rights Award, and is well known throughout the Sacramento community. □

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sented freedom and hope for some, but oppression and genocide for others. Other binding resolutions and motions were entered into the Policy Manual. Program reports were received from Fellowship programs.

Motion 91.03.CP.01 from the last General Council meeting was adopted in Second Reading and now becomes binding on the UFMCC. This policy sets minimum full-time salary and housing allowances for pastors of Chartered Churches in the USA at 100 percent of the local average annual pay. Implementation of this policy is up to each District Committee for the churches in its District, including time-line for implementation to take effect.

The General Council will convene its next meeting March 11 through 17, 1992 in Los Angeles. □

{For more information on General Council...see page 6}



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Idea Bulletin Board

The following ideas can help build successful churches. Please submit your own suggestions to Idea Bulletin Board, c/o Keeping in Touch at UFMCC headquarters.

▼ If your church wants to reach out to a particular group, such as women or ethnic minorities, begin by offering to volunteer in one of their organizations. For example, a group of MCC members could serve as ushers at a benefit performance for a women's rape crisis center. Make yourselves visible by wearing MCC T-shirts. People will then come to you to ask about MCC. ---from MCC-San Francisco, CA.

▼ Look for fundraising opportunities that are specific to your area. For example, MCC Los Angeles is located in a beautiful building not far from the movie studios of Hollywood. The church raised more than \$1,000 (and got its palm trees trimmed) by allowing a film maker to use it as a movie set. What would be the equivalent in your hometown?

▼ St. John's MCC in Raleigh, NC, sees parking as an "evangelism opportunity." Its newsletter urges members to park one block away from the church, noting "first-time visitors are more likely to stay if they can easily find a place to park."

▼ Whitewater Valley MCC in Richmond, IN, raised more than \$1,000 to send its delegate to General Conference with a bowling fundraiser. The bowling alley donated the shoe rental and reduced the lane charge, and each bowler got sponsors to pay their own lane charge.

▼ MCC of Living Faith in St. Louis, MO, planted a community garden in cooperation with the United Church of Christ Neigh-

borhood Houses. It is hoped that the garden will grow in size, not only feeding the church and its neighbors, but also building good relations among them as they work together on the project.

▼ Does your pastor need a vacation? Several years ago the people of Redeemer MCC in Flint, MI, started a fund to send their pastor and her spouse to the Holy Land. They reached their fundraising goal, but the turmoil in the Middle East made them revise their plans for using it. As their newsletter explains, "We have decided to allow them to have the money and choose where they want to go for a vacation...The fact that a church of eight members took on such a task and achieved it should be an encouragement to other small churches."

▼ High-tech ministries: Diablo Valley MCC in Concord, CA, has a computer access ministry addressing gay/lesbian issues, AIDS, church and community. Five hundred registered users keep the board going strong with information, discussions and peer counseling. "Breaking Walls, Building Bridges" can be reached at (510) 827-0804, 3-2400, 8N1E.

▼ In September, Sunrise MCC of the Hi Desert in Palmdale, CA, ventured into a social/educational ministry new to that congregation and community: a monthly "video night." "Before Stonewall" was scheduled for the first presentation.

▼ MCC Ocean of Life in Costa Mesa, CA, and its host church, Orange Coast University Unitarian Church, have adopted the Marisol Home for Medically Fragile Children as a community outreach together. They recently co-sponsored a concert and raised more than \$2,500. They are now planning a parking-lot sale at the church. □

MCC Toronto Finds New Home

By Mr. Ian Taylor

MCC Toronto has purchased one of the city's largest and most historic places of worship, the Simpson Avenue United Church, for \$1.3 million, Cdn.

The purchase resulted from the proceeds of the sale of the existing church, which was one quarter the size, for \$1.23 million.

The 100-year-old structure includes an 800-seat sanctuary and concert quality pipe organ. The two-story Sunday School wing has areas for offices for community organizations. The wood-paneled room will serve as Fellowship Hall. A three-story education wing contains three classrooms, each seating over 100.

There is a gymnasium and another hall with outside entrance, stage and box office. Parts of the building are in urgent need of repair, but work has begun on re-decorating and teams of volunteers work in shifts each day to prepare for opening service Nov. 10.

"When this building came on the market, we knew we had to act very quickly," said Rev. Brent Hawkes. "But we feel that within two years we will fill the building with our own programs to meet the demands of the growing congregation, up 25 percent over last year."

A fund raising campaign is under way to make improvements to the building's electrical, security and lighting systems, to buy chairs, tables and educational equipment and to repair water damage.

"The church's plan is to construct a new facility, including housing and recreational facilities, to be called The Freedom Centre, but the recession set us back," Rev. Hawkes said. □

Church Growth Consulting Offered

Church growth and development consulting is being offered by Rev. Arlene J. Ackerman of Minneapolis, MN, for the next eight months.

This ministry is a special work of the Mid-Central District. Rev. Ackerman is already scheduled with more than 20 congregations and still has a few time slots available.

Her services include a four-hour leadership workshop tailored to the needs of the local church, individual time with the pastor, and preaching.

Rev. Ackerman has pastored small, medium and large churches in UFMCC over the past 14 years, including one church that grew from 90 to 375 members under her leadership.

For more information, contact A.J. Ministries, P.O. Box 7363, Minneapolis, MN 55407 USA, or call (612) 827-8011. □

General Conference Videos

Several videotapes of General Conference XV were lost in the mail.

Media Ministry wants to replace these videos, so anyone who ordered a video and did not receive it should request a replacement from:

Media Ministry
6309 Governor Lane
Sacramento, CA 95828 □

Samaritan Partnerships Work

Samaritan College has attained success with its new emphasis on partnership with districts and other seminaries.

"A tremendous amount of work has been done this year to lay a foundation at Samaritan College for an infrastructure that will adequately and efficiently fulfill the college's mission --- to help train and equip the laity and clergy of UFMCC for ministry in the world," said Rev. Sandra Robinson, dean.

For example, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities in New Brighton, MN, added UFMCC History and Polity to its regular course schedule in September. The course is taught by UTS President Ben Griffin.

"One of our goals is to see if we can offer UFMCC a tested syllabus that expands the course outline developed by Samaritan," he said. Open to all students, it includes comparative study of Wesley, Luther, Calvin and Troy Perry as founders of denominations.

Samaritan's six-week Orientation to Pastoring program concluded in August. Enrollment totalled 48 students, including 33 in Los Angeles, CA, and 16 in Dallas, TX. Samaritan Sunday offerings totalled more than \$4,900. □

Church Openings

▼ The Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto is seeking a **DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION** to oversee the administrative and financial affairs of an active growing congregation.

The successful applicant will have a strong administrative and supervisory background; training skills; excellent time-management, interpersonal, and communication skills; solid accounting and financial knowledge; and will be a proven team-builder.

The position may appeal to those currently earning in the \$35,000 range.

Apply to: Chair, Search Committee, MCCT, 2029 Gerrard Street East, Toronto, Ontario, M4E 2B3. FAX #416-6937499. No phone calls please.

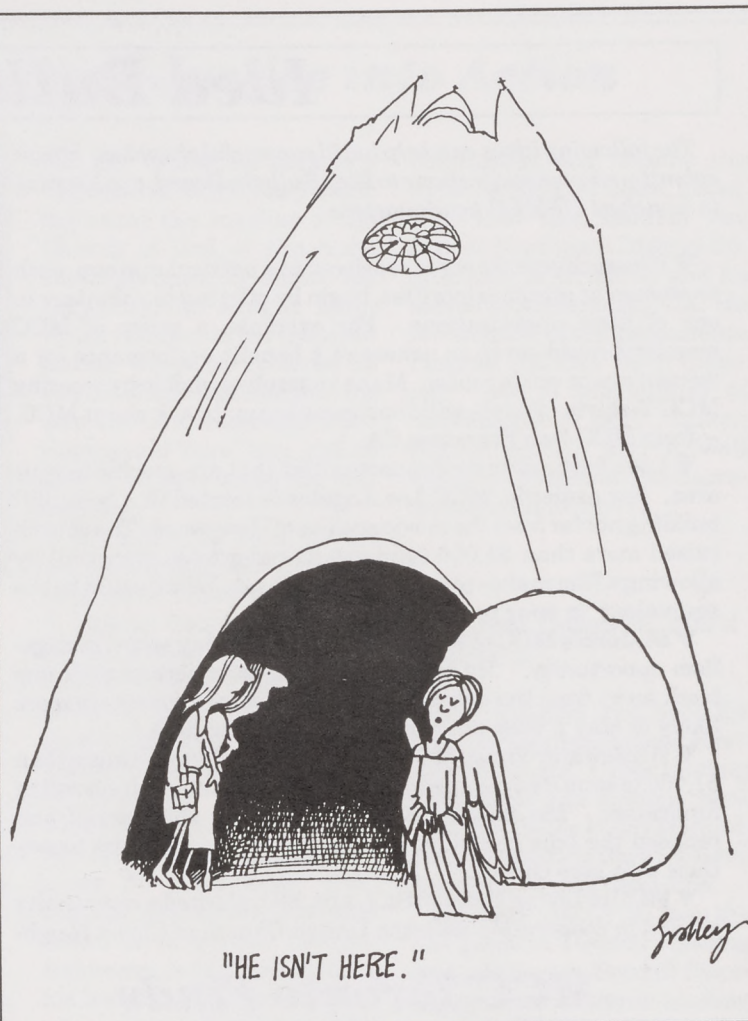
▼ MCC Amarillo, TX, is searching for a pastor. They are a strong pioneering spirit located on the high plains of Texas. A fully Chartered Church with a solid congregation willing and able to continue the learning and growth process.

MCC Amarillo will be offering a full-time, salaried position along with a complete benefits package per UFMCC/South Central District standards. For more information, please contact: MCC Amarillo by responding to: Don Miller, PSC - MCC Amarillo, 2706 South Van Buren, Amarillo, Texas 79109. □

New Journals Launched

Two new journals recently began publication within UFMCC.

CONTACT with Theology and Mission is a quarterly theological journal being produced as the gift of Holy Covenant MCC in Hinsdale, IL. Each issue will consist of eight to 16 pages. A \$5.00 donation is requested for subscriptions. Papers (2,000 words or less), book reviews, poetry, hymns, art, and other materials may be submitted to Rev. David Deppe, interim pastor, Holy Covenant MCC, 17 W. Maple, Hinsdale, IL 60521.



Gay & Lesbian Courage Appears Unexpectedly

Part of UFMCC founder Troy Perry's new book, *Profiles in Gay and Lesbian Courage*, mysteriously appeared in a mainstream children's book.

About 30 pages of "Kill a Queer for Christ," Rev. Elder Perry's chapter on the life of gay politician Harvey Milk, appeared in a new Random House juvenile novel, *The Toby Man*, in September.

"This is just weird. I can't imagine what's going on," said Ray DeLuca, publicist for St. Martin's Press, which is publishing Rev. Perry's new book.

Random House is frantically trying to track down how much of its first press run of *The Toby Man* contained the printing error and alert any bookstores that already received it. □

Around The Fellowship

Praises

Vieux Carre MCC in New Orleans, LA, has purchased a new facility, including a sanctuary seating 200, a fellowship hall, 10 offices and a full parking lot.

MCC Dallas was approved by the Texas Department of Health for a \$31,600 grant for its AIDS ministry. This is the third year they have received funding from the state of Texas. This year the state granted MCC Dallas 30 percent more money than it requested, noting that the church is "a most worthy agency who works hard to support other organizations."

Rev. Dee Dale, pastor of **MCC Louisville, KY**, and **Mr. Charles Kays**, member of MCC Louisville, were named Lesbian and Gay Man of the Year for the state of Kentucky.

Ms. Sue Schrader, Director of Programming for **MCC Dallas, TX**, for the past 10 years, was named Grand Marshall of Dallas' gay and lesbian pride parade.

Mr. Larry Young of **MCC Dayton, OH**, was named "Man of the Year" by Community Unity, an AIDS service organization in Dayton.

Attendance at **Church of Our Savior MCC**, Boca Raton, FL, hit 173 on "No Excuse Sunday." This 15-month-old MCC doubled the size of its sanctuary in early September to keep pace with its fast-growing congregation.

Emmaus House of Prayer celebrated its fifth anniversary in the **Mid-Atlantic District** on October 19 with worship, an awards dinner and workshops on two contrasting styles of prayer: "Prayer Without Words" by **Rev. Joseph Houle**, director of Emmaus House of Prayer, and "Prayer Through Praise" by **Rev. Delores P. Berry**, Director of Delores P. Berry Evangelistic Ministries, a special work of the Mid-Atlantic District.

River City MCC in Sacramento, CA, is co-sponsoring a unique Veterans Day celebration honoring lesbians and gay men in the military on Nov 9. Along with legislative notables, former Army Captain **Dusty Pruitt** will address the gathering. Her discharge for homosexuality recently led a federal appeals court to outlaw the Army's blanket rejection of gays and lesbians. □

Prayers

Rev. Linda Bynum of San Antonio, TX, is recuperating from several heart attacks and double bypass surgery.

Rev. Colleen Darraugh, pastor of **Harvest MCC** in Denton, TX, is recuperating from severe whiplash after an auto accident.

Rev. Roy Lenington of San Antonio, TX, is recuperating at home following surgery on a herniated disk.

After many years of effective ministry and service, **MCC New Freedom in Christ**, Houston, TX, has closed. The last Sunday service was held on September 8. □

Transitions

MCC of Auckland, New Zealand, elected **Rev. Michael Horn** as senior pastor. Rev. Horn has been functioning as assistant pastor there. He transferred his credentials from the Anglican church in 1990.

Family of Faith MCC in Broken Arrow, OK, has elected **Ms. Marian Fink** as pastoral leader, subject to clergy credentialing. Ms. Fink has been active in MCC churches in Florida, Kansas City and Oklahoma City, and has served as interim pastoral leader since Easter 1991.

Gentle Shepherd MCC in Phoenix, AZ, has called **Rev. Tom Jordan** of St. Louis, MO, as pastor.

MCC Austin, TX, has named **Rev. Randy Nunnelee** as associate pastor, starting in January 1992. Rev. Nunnelee earned an M.Div. and an M.A. in pastoral counseling from Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, CA, this May. He serves on staff at **MCC San Francisco, CA**.

MCC Nashville, TN, has named **Rev. Victoria Mitchusson** as part-time interim pastor, effective October 27.

Good Samaritan MCC, Whittier, CA, elected **Rev. Gina Chapman** as their new pastor at their congregational meeting on October 14, 1991 □

Top 20 Tithes - September 1991

1.	Church/Holy Spirit MCC, Ft. Lauderdale	US\$	2,890.07
2.	MCC Washington, Washington, DC		2,189.24
3.	MCC of the Resurrection, Houston		2,178.38
4.	MCC Toronto, Ontario	CAN	2,078.13
5.	MCC Long Beach, Long Beach		1,866.78
6.	MCC San Francisco, San Francisco		1,808.50
7.	First MCC of Kansas, Wichita		1,511.15
8.	St. Luke's MCC, Jacksonville		1,398.74
9.	King of Peace MCC, St. Petersburg		1,323.31
10.	MCC New York, New York City		1,184.32
11.	Agape' MCC, Fort Worth		1,124.97
12.	All God's Children MCC, Minneapolis		1,095.94
13.	MCC in the Valley, N. Hollywood		1,086.48
14.	Joy MCC, Orlando		1,073.04
15.	MCC of the Rockies, Denver		1,028.03
16.	Church of Our Savior MCC, Boca Raton		896.30
17.	MCC Key West, Key West		767.10
18.	Christos MCC, Toronto, ONT	CAN	737.76
19.	Las Vegas MCC, Las Vegas		723.59
20.	Church of the Trinity MCC, Sarasota		662.16

(These figures reflect the 10 percent of each local church's income that is sent to Fellowship headquarters.)

Top 20 Per Capita - September 1991

1.	New Covenant MCC, Walnut	US\$	63.47
2.	New Freedom in Christ, Houston		29.62
3.	MCC of Northern Virginia, Falls Church		25.05
4.	MCC of the Disciples, Washington DC		22.76
5.	MCC of the Gentle Shepherd, Vancouver		21.61
6.	Whitewater Valley MCC, Richmond		21.34
7.	New Life MCC, Berkeley		20.99
8.	MCC Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh		19.19
9.	MCC New York, New York City		19.07
10.	MCC Rockville, Rockville		18.86
11.	Christ Chapel MCC, Santa Ana		18.07
12.	MCC of the Blue Ridge, Roanoke		17.78
13.	Redeemer MCC of Flint, Flint		17.73
14.	MCC Dayton Parish, Dayton		17.04
15.	MCC Washington, Washington DC		16.65
16.	MCC of the Hudson Valley, S. Windsor		16.51
17.	MCC Long Beach, Long Beach		16.51
18.	Alleluia MCC, Calgary, Alberta	CAN	16.38
19.	Christ the King MCC, Oklahoma City		16.23
20.	New Life MCC, Charlotte		16.16

General Council Appointments Made

Many significant appointments were made when General Council held its 13th meeting Oct. 10-14, 1991 in Los Angeles, CA.

The Council welcomed its newest members, Ms. Lydia Segal, Eastern Canadian District Coordinator, and the Rev. Elder Willem Hein. Ms. Segal was appointed to the Corporate and Legal Division and Elder Hein was appointed to the International Concerns, Research and Development Division by the Moderator. There were no other changes in Division assignments.

The Moderator also appointed the Rev. Elder Don Eastman as liaison Elder to the Australian, Eastern Canadian and Northeast Districts, the Rev. Elder Jean White liaison Elder to the Great Lakes and South Central Districts, and the Rev. Elder Willem Hein as liaison Elder to the Mid-Atlantic and Southwest Districts. All other previous liaison Elder appointments remain

unchanged until October 1993.

The Council affirmed the appointments to the Ministry of Evangelism made by the Elders: the Rev. Elder Freda Smith, Executive Director; Sub-committee on Evangelism Personnel Resources: the Rev. Elder Willem Hein, chair, Rev's. Delores Berry, Dusty Pruitt and Sandi Robinson, Ms. Lydia Segal, and Dr. Shedrick Wise; Sub-committee on Evangelism Material Resources: the Rev. Elder Don Eastman, chair, Rev's. Jo Crisco, Shelley Hamilton and Elder Jeri Ann Harvey, Ms. Judy Dale and Ms. Marsha Stevens.

Mr. David Teggert was appointed Church Extension Coordinator for New Zealand. The Rev. Candace Shultis was appointed chair of the Clergy Credentials and Concerns Committee, and the Rev. Michael Piazza was appointed a member of the Clergy Credentials and Concerns Committee for a four-year term. □

Children's Thoughts on God and Jesus

Children attending Vacation Bible School at General Conference XV in Phoenix, AZ, were asked to talk about Jesus and God:

▼ Jesus is a man. He has hair. He has hands. The way he's different from other men is he's bigger than them and he lives in the sky. He's not dead. Sometimes both my mothers get mad at me, and I just feel Jesus is in my heart. It feels good.

{9-year-old girl}

▼ To me, God is the rainbow because it's pretty and has lots of different colors and somewhere in my mama's Bible there's somebody who thinks God is a rainbow. Jesus has hair and a beard and a moustache and white clothes and a little red scarf. He's a person who loves everyone and died for everyone and makes everything fair. I feel close to God when I go to bed because when I go to bed I pray. I feel close to God when my Godmother reads me the Bible, too.

{7-year-old girl}

▼ God to me is somebody that's special. Jesus forgives your

sins and everyone else. I feel close to God when I'm with my uncle.

{13-year-old boy}

▼ God is the creator of the world and the creator of man and woman. Jesus is the one man who taught men and women about God. I feel close to God all through the church service.

{13-year-old boy}

▼ God is a person in our hearts. I feel close to God when I'm sad because I like God. God makes me feel better.

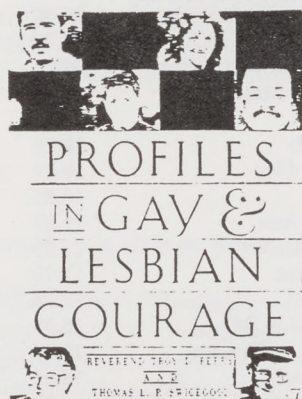
{4-year-old girl} □

Correction

Rev. Robert Hogg is pastor of Joy of Life MCC in Waukegan, IL, and former assistant pastor of Christ the Redeemer MCC in Evanston, IL. His pastoral positions were incorrectly listed in Mr. James Hohmann's obituary in the October issue of *Keeping in Touch*.. □

Profiles in Lesbian and Gay Courage

By Rev. Elder Troy Perry
and Thomas Swicegood



{Your cost \$15.75}

This book by Rev. Perry & Thomas Swicegood offers eight inspiring stories of lesbians and gay men whose involvement with politics transformed the world.

It includes the lives of Elaine Noble, Harvey Milk, Barbara Giddings, Leonard Matlovich and others from this little-known segment of American history.

Amazing Grace

Edited by Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson
and Rev. Malcolm Boyd



{Your cost \$8.75}

In *Amazing Grace*, 10 men and women share their spiritual pilgrimages, childhood experiences, mature relationships, sexual justice, and confrontations with AIDS.

Contributors include Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson, Rev. Malcolm Boyd, Rev. Sandra Robinson, and Rev. Judy Dahl.

These two newly published books are now available from UFMCC Church Services at a 20 percent discount. Send your order and payment to UFMCC and you will be billed for shipping and tax later.